

Area Board 13 Special Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 March 2009

Location: Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, 92108

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Present: ABXIII members Nancy Macklem, and Moira Allbritton.
ABXIII Executive Director, Mary Ellen Stives.
ABXIII Staff member, Michele Geving.
Community members Linda Burritt, Elizabeth Fletcher, Leslie Gollub, and Richard Macklem.

Introductions made. Information about the local Epilepsy Foundation meetings was shared. Contact is Sasha@sandiegoepilepsy.org.

Draft minutes of the 3 February 2009 committee meeting were considered and unanimously approved.

Draft letter to San Diego Unified was reviewed, discussed, and unanimously approved.

The committee identified the following situations of application to our draft goal:

- Families in transition
- Consumers not receiving special education because they are told medical needs cannot be addressed by District
- Forensics
- Hospitalizations
- In-patient psychiatric facilities
- Foster care
- Homelessness
- Group home

The committee brainstormed knowledgeable contact persons about various situations.

The committee's working definition of a education-related "crisis" occurs when a student with a disability experiences an unanticipated interruption and inability to access his/her IEP services. (For purposes of "Crisis Intervention Unit" dialogue with districts, a crisis is not a disagreement between the District and the parents, but rather how to accelerate a new plan when the existing IEP did not contemplate the current condition/location/restrictions of the student).

The committee divided up the situations with each member to research the usual and customary process(es) that students encounter in our community, what models for delivering educational services prevail, and if how long it takes for the average student to receive educational services in an alternative setting. Mary Ellen will research the legal requirements for Districts to react to changes in circumstances for our next meeting.

The committee welcomes participation by any interested members of the community.

The next meeting will be on April 21st from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Moirá Allbritton

NOTE: The April 21st meeting was postponed until May 12th.